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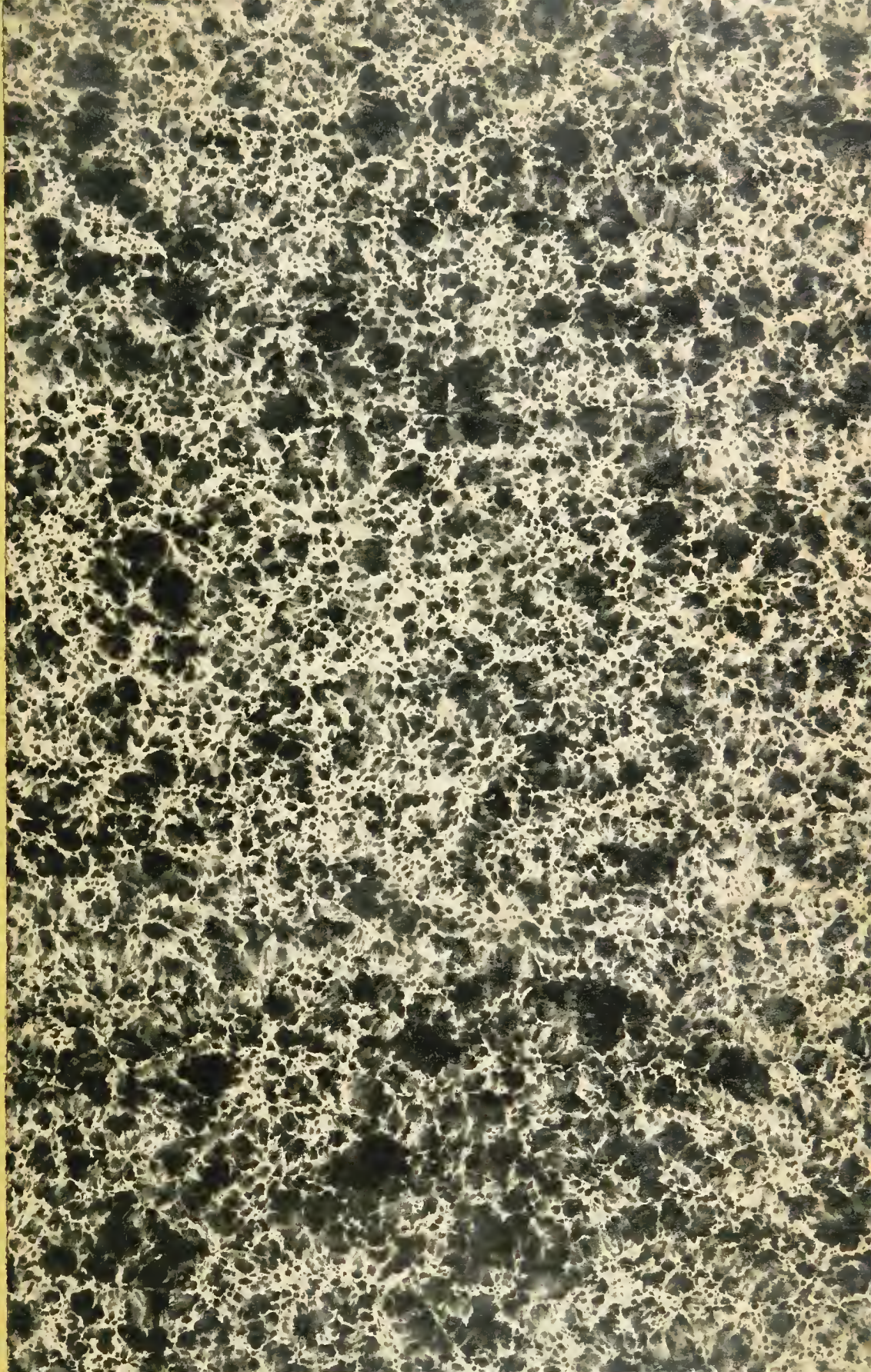

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WITH AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ENTIRE VOLUME AND THE EARLIER DOMESDAY BOOKS BELONGING TO THE TOWN.

The ancient Borough of Ipswich, besides possessing a rather remarkable and extensive collection of Rolls, Charters and Letters Patent, Deeds, both private and municipal, as well as other miscellaneous writings of varied worth, is fortunate in having among the town Archives, several books, both written and printed, which are of special value and importance, alike to the antiquary and historian, and of no small account in the eyes of the intelligent burgess, who rightly regards each as a link in the silver chain that connects the present with the past. The interest which attaches to these volumes may be said mainly to centre in those, known respectively as the 'New' or 'Great' Domesday and the 'Old' or 'Little' Domesday Book, concerning which, and especially the former, I desire to draw attention.

The ancient laws and customs of Ipswich, dating from a very early period of the town's constitution and history, were originally contained in certain Rolls, once the cherished inheritance of our forefathers, but which, alas! were in the 56th year of the reign of Henry III.

abstracted from the "Comyn Hutche or Cheste" and, regardless of the grievous injury inflicted thereby upon the town, purloined by a certain notorious Town Clerk (*"un faus comun Clerk"*) one, John le Blake, of whom, and the precious Rolls, it is almost needless to say, nothing further was heard. 'Men of the East' are proverbially '*wise*,' so that it is no cause for surprise, that we find the Ipswich townsfolk soon after this occurence, deputing to twenty-four of their number, the task of compiling afresh an account of the ancient usages of the Borough, of the extreme importance of which they thus appear to have been fully sensible. These revived customs, ordinances and regulations, were embodied in the volume since known as the "*Domesday des Leyes e des usages de Gippeswiz*," but more commonly as the 'Little Domesday Book,' and appears to have been completed in the 19th year of Edward I. This work, however, seems very soon after to have disappeared, but not before two official copies had been made sometime during the reign of Edward II., and these were a little later on, increased to the number of three.

Of the fourteenth century transcripts, one is an octavo volume, containing within its leather covers, ninety-one leaves of vellum, upon fifty of which, appear in a neat hand, a copy in French of the former Domesday Book, while sundry other matters, of a later period, occupy the remaining forty one skins.

The other transcript, or duplicate copy, is apparently the work of the same penman, and also contains on the leaves not used for the original purpose of the book, much interesting matter of a subsequent date.

A third transcript of a similar character, and executed probably *about* the same time as the two copies just mentioned, but every way inferior to them, found its way some twenty-five years ago into the hands of the British Museum authorities,* under circumstances

* "Le Domesday des Leyes et Usages de Gippewiz 19 Edw: I. *Br: Mus:* CLVII. B. *Add* MSS. 25,011.

detailed at length in the Report recently made by Mr. J. C. Jeaffreson for the Historical MSS. Commission (Appendix ix, p. 242). Beside the French text, this copy has an English translation, and is easily accessible to the student in an admirable edition published in the Roll series,* which has an able introduction, pointing out especially the importance of the Ipswich Domesday as a unique volume among a rare class of documents: valuable foot notes, explanatory of obsolete terms, &c., are to be found on nearly every page.

In addition to this volume, a fifteenth century copy of this Domesday, was, at the same time as the other transcript mentioned, purchased by the Trustees of the British Museum, in whose custody it remains.

This latter volume was in all probability the precursor of the 'new' or 'Great' Domesday Book, so called from having been compiled in the 12th year of Henry VIII, and owing also to its great size, compared with the earlier transcripts of the former Domesday. Except only in point of priority of date, the Great Domesday Book of Richard Percyvale, (formerly one of the Portmen of the Town,) is a volume of far greater interest and importance than the earlier volumes to which allusion has been made, and supplied, what must have been a long felt want, in giving (to use the words of the compiler) "*as many of the old grants, liberties, ordinances, laws and good constitutions,*" as he could find "*prescription or good matter of record for, with divers and sundry other matters right necessary to be had and known in the town and borough of Ipswich.*" (see Prologue.)

The Great Domesday Book is a finely written thick folio, bound in old embossed calf, measuring 16 in. by 12 in. and containing 271 leaves of vellum, the whole being divided into seven Books (preceded by the prologue) which are as follows:—

LIBER PRIMUS, contains the Charter granted in the first year of the reign of King John, followed by records

* The Black Book of the Admiralty, Appendix, Part ii, vol. ii, 1873. Edited by Sir Travers Twiss, Q.C., D.C.L.

of succeeding grants, &c., as far as 13 Edward I. This book is mainly taken up with matter contained in the Little Domesday Volume and consists of twenty-one vellum leaves, and one leaf blank. (It is preceded by five blank leaves, upon the back of one of these a memorandum is written.)

LIBER SECUNDUS, has an English rendering of the eighty-three chapters contained in the earlier volume, where it is given in French; to these ordinances and regulations affecting the municipal life, twenty others of a latter date are added in Latin, the most remarkable being those for the proper ordering of the religious observances connected with the famous Merchants Guild of Corpus Christi. This book occupies no less than fifty-eight leaves: there are beside seventeen that are plain.

LIBER TERTIUS, is taken up with

(1) An Ordinance for the regulation of the *beremen* or *Wynedraggers* (porters) as laid down in the Little Domesday.

(2) The Toune Custumes belonging to the Kynge's fee-ferme.

(3) The Assise of weying of brede after the Statue of Wynchester.

(4) The Assyse for bruers.

This book contains fifteen leaves, with one left plain at the end.

LIBER QUARTUS, has in Latin "the constitucion for Corpus Christi procession and in what maner the Maundy shulde yerely be kepte with other dyuers remembraunces requesyte to be had in memory;" followed by an order "how euery occupacion or craftesmen shuld ordre themselffes in their goyng * * * in the same procession." There are also between 30 and 40 other distinct entries consisting of copies of Indentures, acquittances, enrolments, grants, extracts, memorandums, &c., &c., the whole occupying seventy-eight leaves, 18 or 19 of which are written in a late (bad) hand (*temp.* Eliz: and Ph: and

Mary) and two blank leaves. Three leaves that follow, which may also be said to form part of Book iv, contain in several different hands, various oaths added at a subsequent time to those which appear in Book v. so as to meet the requirements of after legislation, viz.

(*a*) The Bailiffs (as to Impanelling Juries.)
(*b*) Justices of the Peace.
(*c*) Searchers of Leather.
(*d*) Sealer of Leather.
(*e*) Fleshwardens.
(*f*) Wardens of the Foundation (29 *Sep.* 1623)
(*g*) Town Treasurer.
(*h*) Clavigers.

The fourth book is thus by far the largest portion of the several divisions marked in the volume, and has the widest range of subjects.

Liber Quintus, is by reason of its contents, that part of the book which in former days was most frequently called into requisition, and from it, the markets &c., were periodically proclaimed. It consists of twenty leaves, which bear marks of long continued usage, at the end of which are two blank leaves, and contains "alle the othes that euery bayliff, portman, burgeys and alle other officers be wonte to swere when they be admyttyd into ther romys and offices with other dyuerse articules that the bayliffes of this towne be bounde to se obserued and kepte and to proclayme them euery yere in dyuers places of this Town with the Libertyes of this town by water and by land."

Liber Sextus, may claim to be regarded as a book possessing more general interest than the others. The greater part of the contents of this portion, is taken up with matters relating, not to Ipswich only, but to the whole County of Suffolk *i.e.* (1) Taxes paid by every town in Suffolk to the King's Grace. (2) List of Knights' Fees of the Honors of Lancaster and Leicester in the County of Suffolk. It contains also, (*a*) a curious heraldic

description of the arms borne by divers Sovereigns; (*b*) a quaint memorandum of ancient lineal measurements, and what I have elsewere spoken of as, (*c*) a "Rhyming Chronicle of the Kings of England," (William I. to Edward IV.), and attributed to Lydgate, the Monk-poet of Bury,* which brings the sixth book to a conclusion. There are in this part, twenty leaves, three of which remain blank.

LIBER SEPTIMUS, is the last book: it contains the Charter confirmed to the town in the 3rd year of Henry VIII. with another Charter relating to the Admiralty, and sundry other matters, written upon nineteen leaves, and there are beside, nine leaves at the end left plain.

The character and contents of the Great Doomsday Book, as well as the object and design of its predecessors, may, it is thought from this description, be deemed of sufficient interest to lead many to desire a further and fuller acquaintance with the volume, such as a study of the book in its entirety can alone give.

It will be seen that the Great Domesday Book, is in point of fact, what in process of time the earlier Domesday volumes were inclined to become, a veritable *olla podrida*, for, if not exactly a receptacle for "odds and ends," many of the entries there made, cannot but be regarded as altogether foreign to the original purpose for which such a book was designed. We have, however, abundant cause for satisfaction, that the Great Domesday Book, is in respect of its varied contents, just what it is; the antiquary especially will be sure to find pleasure in the preservation of such quaint things as some which are here recorded, and which might otherwise have disappeared altogether. This feature is prominent in, and indeed may be said in a great measure to be confined to, the sixth book. Beside all this the inhabitant of Suffolk may find therein matters of some importance to the whole County, which perhaps point to a position, more or less one of pre-eminence, which may have been

* East Anglian, *New Ser.*, vol. I., pp. 38, 41.

occupied by the town of Ipswich in the reign of Henry VI. and have caused the Borough to be regarded also as a 'remembrancer' and custodian for the County at large. The section which best illustrates this conjecture, is the following account, also from the sixth book, of the "*taxes paid by every Town in Suffolk to the King's Grace,*" which deserves to be made accessible to all who are interested in the history of the County. Of such taxes it may be said, that originally the amount payable to the King was uncertain, being levied by fresh assessments at each grant made by the Commons, but in the 8th year of Edward III. new taxations were made, by virtue of the King's Commission, of every township &c. in the kingdom, which quite settled the tax payable in each several case, and for the County of Suffolk, is that here recorded.

Richard Percybale's Great Domesday Book. 12 Henry viii.

Liber Sextus.

"HERE BEGYNNETH THE VIth PARTE OF THIS BOKE AND FIRST FOLOWITH WHAT TAXES EV̄Y TOWN̄ IN SUFFOLK PAYETH TO THE KYNGS GRACE.

Villa de Gip̄po cū hamleta de Wyks Ufford hamleta de Wykys Episcopi hamleta de Stoke et hamleta de Brokys halle LXIIIJ*li* xs v*d* Et Inde p donat$_z$ in Anno xxxij° Rege henrici sexti p dictā dmn̄ Regem	xx*li*		
Et sic Remaṅ	XLIIIJ*li*	x*s*	v*d.*
Unde hamleta de Wyks Ufford soluit		xxvj*s*	viii*d.*
Item hamleta de Wyks epī soluit		xxiiij*s*	
Item hamleta de Stoke soluit		xv*s*	
Item hamleta de Brokys soluit		VIIj*s*	
Item Burgus Gip̄pi soluit resid viz	XL*li*	xvj*s*	ix*d*
Burgus dunwici soluit	xij*li*		
Burgus de Orford soluit	x*li*		
Burgus de Eye soluit	VII*li*		xx*d.*
Sm̄ Burgorq p̄ dict cū hamlets–IIIJ^xx	XII*li*	xx*s*	ij*d*

The hundred of Samford.

Kyrketoñ alias Shotley	IIJ*li*	VJ*s*	IJ*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		XVS		
ffreston		XXJ*s*	IIIJ*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regē		IX*s*		
Stratfford		XLVIJ*s*	IIIJ*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatꝰ ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		XIJ*s*.		
Berhōlt	V*li*			
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict Regem		VIJ*s*	VIII*d*	
Horkysted		XXXIJ*s*	VIII*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		VJ*s*	VIII*d*	
Capell soluit	IIJ*li*	VS		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		XXVJ*s*	VIII*d*	
Tatyngston soluit		XXX*s*	IV*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict Regem		X*s*		
Wherstead soluit		XXXJ*s*		ob
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		VIIJ*s*		
Copdok soluit		XLJ*s*	VJ*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		XIIJ*s*	IIIJ*d*.	
Wenham Magna & pua sol		L*s*	VJ*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		XXX*s*		
Holton soluit		XXXVIJ*s*.	VI*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		X*s*.		
Bentley soluit		XL*s*.		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		VJ*s*.		
Holbroke soluit		XLJ*s*.	X*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		VIIJ*s*.		
Sprowtoñ soluit	IIJ*li*	XIIIJ*s*.		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		X*s*.		
Hegham soluit		XXXVIJ*s*.	VJ*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regē		VIJ*s*.	VJ*d*.	
Hynlyshm̄ soluit		LIIJ*s*.	IJ*d*	ob
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Rege.		X*s*.		
Burstall soluit		XXV*s*.	VIJ*q*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		VJ*s*.		
Shelley soluit		XLVIJ*s*	VIIJ*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regem		XIJ*s*.		
Reydon soluit	IIIJ*li*	VIJ*s*	IJ*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regem		XVIIJ*s*.		
Branthm̄ soluit		LVJ*s*.		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regem		XIIJ*s*	IIIJ*d*.	
Belstead pua soluit		XXXVJ*s*	III*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictu Regē		X*s*.		
Stuttoñ soluit		XL*s*	VI*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regē		X*s*.		
Eūwardeñ soluit		XLIIIJ*s*	VIIJ*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regē		X*s*.		

Belsted Magna soluit		LVj*s*	vi*d*.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regē		x*s*.	
Chelmyngtoū & Wolūston taxantur ad decuman	iij*li*		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictu Regem		xvj*s*.	
Bona mobilia hered Willi de Berham in villa de Berhm̄ & Capell		xiij*s*	iiij*d*
Sm̄ hundred p' dcī cū bona mobilia hered Willi de Barhm̄—Lxj*li* viij v*d*. p̄ Inde ꝗ	iij*li*		
Sm̄ total—Lxj*li* vs q̃ Alloc	xviij*li*	viij	ij*d*.
Sm̄ de Claro	xLij*li*	xvj*s*.	x*d* q̃

Hundre de Bosmere

Berkyng cū Nedehm̄ sol	v*li*	xvj*s*.	IIIj*d*.
Eston cū Wyllershm sol	IIj*li*	x*s*.	
Somershm̄ cū fflokton sol	iij*li*		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regē		xx*s*.	
Blakenhm̄ pua soluit		xxxviij*s*.	vi*d*.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regem		xIIj*s*.	IIIj*d*.
Hemyngstoū soluit		xLvj*s*.	vj*d*.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regem		xIIj*s*.	IIIj*d*.
Beylhm̄ soluit		Liij*s*.	x*d*.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regem		xxij*s*.	
Blakenhm̄ magna soluit		xxxiij*s*.	vj*d*.
Netylsted soluit		xxviij*s*.	vi*d*.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regem		xx*s*.	
Ryngesheld soluit	iiij*li*	iiij*s*.	vj*d*.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regem		xxvj*s*.	viij*d*.
Ayshe soluit		xLiiij*s*.	
Estoū Gosbak sol		xxx*s*.	xj*d*.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regem		xv*s*.	
Stonhm̄ Antegan cū mekelfeld sol	IIIj*li*	xIII*s*.	x*d*.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictu Regem		xvij*s*	viiij*d*
Stonhm̄ Jernegaū soluit		xLvj*s*.	
Stonhm̄ Comitis soluit		LIx*s*.	viij*d*
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict Regem		xx*s*.	
Cretyng Sā Olavi Scē Marie et Om̄i Scorꝝ sol	iiij*li*		vj*d*.
Batysford cū Badke sol	IIIj*li*		xx*d*.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝝ Regem		xx*s*	
Codynhm̄ cum Croeffeld sol	v*li*	xiiij*s*	viij*d*
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝝ Regem		xx*s*	
Bramfford cum Burstall sol	vj*li*	xvij*s*	viii*d*.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictum Regem		xx*s*.	
Brysete magna & pua		L*s*	ij*d*.
Sm̄ hundr ꝑ dictꝝ	Lxiij*li*	ix*s*	iij*d*.

hundr[d] de hertysmere.

Mendylesham soluit	vj*li*		ij*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regem		viij*s*.		
Redgraue soluit	v*li*	xij*s*.	iiij*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictum Regem		xx*s*.		
Palgrave soluit		xl*s*	ix*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictū Regem		viij*s*.		
Broome		xlj*s*	ii*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict⁹ Regem		x*s*		
Westethorp	iij*li*			
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict⁹ Regem		x*s*		
Rysehangyll		xxxv*s*	iiij*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict⁹ Regem		viij*s*		
Ocle	iij*li*		x*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict⁹ do[m] Regē		x*s*.		
Cranele Cokelynge langtoñ ⁊ Suddon } Ad. x[ry]	x*li*	xx*s*.	vj*d*.	
Gyslynghm̄	iij*li*	xiij*s*.	ix*d*	*ob*
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict⁹ Regē		x*s*.		
Stutton		xxxvij*s*		
Breseworth		xxxij*s*.	ij*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict⁹ Regem		vij*s*.		
Redelyngfeld		xxvij	vij*d*	*ob*
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict⁹ Regē		xvj*s*.		
Thakesle		lj*s*	ij*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict⁹ do[m] Rege		viij*s*.		
Rekynghale pua		xxxviij*s*.	viij*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict⁹ Regem		x*s*.		
Thardoñ taxatur ad x[am]	iiij*li*	iiij*s*.	iiij*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donat[r] ꝑ dict⁹ Regem		x*s*.		
Wyeham		liiij*s*.		
Unde ꝑ donat[r] ꝑ dict⁹ Regem		vj*s*.		
Baketon	iij*li*	ij*s*.	viij*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict⁹ Regē		viij*s*.		
Tharueston	iij*li*	xiiij*s*.	iiij*d*.	
Wortham	v*li*	x*s*	vij*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict⁹ do[m] Regem		xij*s*.		
Burgate		lv*s*	x*d*.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ do[m] Regem antedict'		x*s*.		
Thornham pua		xviij*s*.		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict⁹ Regem			viij*d*.	
Aspale		xlj*s*		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dict⁹ Regem		vj*s*.		
Ocolt cū Benynghm̄ taxat[z] ad x[m]		liij*s*	iij*d*	
			Ite ij*d*	
Unde ꝑ donat[r] ꝑ dict⁹ Regem		xvj*s*		
Stoke		xlvj*s*	viij*d*.	

Wynstoñ		xliis	iijd.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		vjs.		
Melles		xlvs	vid	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ dom Regem		vs	vid.	
ffenynghm̄	iijli	xvijs.		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xijs.		
Wederyngsete cū Brokford	iiijli	xs	xd.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xijs.		
Cotton	iijli	xs.		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		viijs.		
Thornham magna		lviiis.	ijd.	
Thweyte		xxxs.		
Unde p donatur p dict Regē		xiijs	iiijd.	
Sm̄ hundrd p dcē iiij^xx	xijli	vjs	vijd.	
Inde xd	xijli	xiijs.	id.	

hundrdꝭ de Cleydoñ.

helmynghm̄	iijli	ixs	viijd	ob
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		xvjs.		
Cleydon		xliijs	xd.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Rege		xs.		
Akenhm̄		xxxiiijs	vjd.	
Unde p donatr p dictꝰ Regem		xxs.		
Thurlestoñ cū Whytton		liijs.	vjd.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Rege		xxs.		
Berenghum̄		xxxiiijs	vjd.	
Unde p donatr p dictꝰ Rege		vjs.		
Westerfeld cū Swynlond		xlvijs	vjd.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Rege		xiijs	iiijd.	
henley		xlvs	vjd.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Rege		xxs.		

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Weste Cretyng		xlvs.		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ dom Rege		xs		
Wetherden	iijli	vjs	xjd	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ dom Rege		xiijs	iiijd.	
Gyppyng cū Newton		xxxs.		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Rege		xs.		
Onhows cū herlstoñ & Shelond		liijs.		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		viijs.		
ffynbregh magna		liijs.	iiijd.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		vjs.	viijd.	
Buxale	iijli	iiijs	iiijd.	
dagworth		xxvs.		
Newtoñ Veta		xljs	iijd.	
Combes cū ffynbregh pua	vjli	xs	vjd	ob q

Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Rege		xiij*s*.	iiij*d*.	
Thornhey	vj*li*	xj*s*.		
Stow merket	iiij*li*	xix*s*.		
haule taxat^{z} ad x^{am}.	vij*li*	viij*s*.		
Unde p donat^{r} p dictꝰ Regē		xl*s*.		
Sm̄ hundr^{d} p̄ dict	xliij*li*	vj*s*	iiij*d*	q.
Inde x^{ma}	vij*li*	viij*s*.		

hundrꝛ de hoxoñ.

horam cū Alyngtoñ	iiij*li*	vj*s*	iiij*d*.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xxvj*s*.	vij*d*.	
Kelsale cū Carlton		xlvj*s*.		
Sylham cū Ershaḿ	iii*li*	xiij*s*		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regm		xx*s*		
Laxfelde	v*li*			
Badyngham	v*li*		xvij*d*.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		x*s*.		
Tatyngstoñ cū Brundyssh		lxxiiij*s*	iij*d*.	
denyngtoñ	iiij*li*			
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		x*s*		
Wylvey		lvij*s*.		
Bedyngfeld cū Southoll	iij*li*	iij*s*	ij*d*	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		xiij*s*	iij*d*.	
Stradbroke cum Wyngfeld	ix*li*			
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xl*s*.		
Bedfeld cū Saxsted		liij*s*	iij*d*	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		x*s*.		
Waybred cū Wetherysdale	iiij*li*	xiij*s*.	iij*d*.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xvj*s*.		
ffresyngfeld cū Wetyngham & Chebenhale hamelette	vij*li*	x*s*	iij*d*.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		l*s*		
Mendham cum Metfield			vij	*ob*
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xxvj*s*.	vij*d*.	
hoxoñ cū debenham	xj*li*		vij*d*	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xxxij*s*.	x*d*	
Wyrlyngworth cum Sohm̄	v*li*			
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ do^{m} Regem		x*s*		
Sm hundrꝛ p̄ dictꝰ iij^{xx}	ij*li*		xvj*d*	*ob*

hundred de Blything

Bronfeld cū pesenale et mell	iiij*li*	xix*s*	xi*d*	
Walpole cū Syptoñ & Cokeley	iiij*li*	v*s*.	ix*d*.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xv*s*		
Upstoñ cū henenynghm̄		xlvij*s*	x*d*	
Bramstoñ cū Stobene	iiij*li*			
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xxvj*s*		
Medyltoñ cū ffordle		xliij*s*	v*d*.	

Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		viij*s*.	
Hensted		xxxvj*s*	i*d*.
huntyngfeld cū lynsted } magna & pua }	ij*li*	iiij*s*	iiij*d*.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xxiiij*s*	
henghm̄		xxviij*s*.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		x*s*.	
Sotertoñ		xxij*s*	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		iiij*s*	
Eston		xxxvj*s*	viij*d*
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		viij*s*.	
Southcoue		xxix*s*	vi*d*.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		vj*s*	
Southwolde	iii*li*	xii*s*	ii*d*.
Thornyngtoñ cū Wenastoñ		xlix*s*.	iiij*d*.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xij*s*.	
Westhale		liiij*s*.	
Unde p donatr̃ p dictꝰ Regem		x*s*.	
Chedestoñ cū Blyford	v*li*		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ dom̃ Regem		xx*s*.	
Benacre Bulcamp cū Bregg̃	v*li*	vj*s*.	viij*d*
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xij*s*	
hasylworth	iiij*li*		ii*d*.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xij*s*	
Onehale cum ffrostendoñ	iij*li*	xj*s*	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		x*s*	
Blyburgh cū Walberswyke	vj*li*	xiiij*s*	x*d*.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xvj*s*	
Wrenhm̄	iij*li*	viij*s*.	
Reydon	iij*li*	iij*s*	*ob* q.
Westyltoñ	v*li*	vij*s*	vi*d*.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		viij*s*.	
leystoñ cum Sysewell	viij*li*		xvj*d*.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		x*s*	
Northalys	ix*li*		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xvij*s*.	
Cratfeld		li*s*.	viij*d*.
Unde p donatur p dictū Regem		xiiij*s*.	
Dersham cum Yoxford	v*li*		xij*d*
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xvij*s*.	
Wycett Rumbrugh Speksale & holtoñ	vj*li*		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xxx*s*.	
Sm̄ hundre p dictꝰ	¢ v*li*	xv*s*	

hundr[d] de Waynford

Wyrlynghm̄ cū Cone	iiij*li*	iiij*s*	x*d*
Unde p donatur p idem Regem		ix*s*	

Rynglesfeld cū Redeshm̄		xliis.	vid	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xijs.		
Sotyrle cū chadynfeld & Wyllynghm̄	vli	xvjs.		
Unde p donatr p dictꝰ Regem		xijs.		
Bungey	vili	vjs	vjd.	
Unde p donatr p dictꝰ Regē		xxvjs		
Beclys	xiiijli	iiijs	iijd.	
Bersham in Shipmedowe	iijli	xiiijs.		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xijs.		
metyngham		xlixs	ix.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xs		
Ilketsale	vijli	xiijs	viid	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xxvjs.		
Westoñ Elw & Upredeshm̄ / Taxantur ad xam	iiijli	xvs.		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xxs.		
Southelmhm̄	xiiijli	xiijs	iiid	ob
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē	iiijli			
Sm̄ hundrꝰ p dictꝰ	lxvli	xixs	viijd	ob
Inde xma	iiijli	xvs.		

hundrꝰ de lothynglond

Blundestone		lvs	xjd	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Rege'		xvjs.		
Olton cum fflyxtoñ		xlvijs.	viijd	ob
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		xs.		
heryngflete		xxxs.		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		viijs.		
Askeby		xxijs.		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		viijs.		
Bradwelle		xliijs	iijd	q
lounde		xls	viijd ob	q
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Rege		xs.		
Belton	iijli	xiiijs	iijd	q
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ dom Rege		xiijs	iiijd.	
Burgh		xvs	vijd.	
hoptoñ		xxxiijs	viijd	
ffretoñ		xls.		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xijs		
Gunton		xxixs.		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xijs.		
Corton	iijli		xvjd.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xiijs	iiijd.	
Sõmletoñ		liijs.	viijd.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xs.		
lowystoft taxatr ad xum	iijli	xvs	iid	q
Gorlestoñ taxatur ad xam		lvs	xd ob	q

Reystoñ cū Gorlestoñ	vi*li*	iiij*s*	iiij*d.*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regē		xx*s.*	vj*d.*	
ꝑua Jernemuth cū Northmll	iij*li*	xvj*s*	viii*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		xx*s.*		
Sm̄ hundrꝭ ꝑ dcī	xliij*li*	xix*s.*	ij*d.*	
Inde x^{m}	vj*li*	xj*s.*		

hundrꝭ de Mutford.

Kessynglond	v*li*	viij*s.*	vij*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regē		xx*s.*		
pakefeld cū Kyrkeley	iij*li*		ij*d*	oꝑ
Gyssylham cū ꝑte de Reysshemere	iij*li*	iiij*s*	iiij*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		xiij*s*	iiij*d.*	
mutford cū Banabye et ꝑte Reysshemere	iij*li*	ij*s.*		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regē		xiij*s*	iiij*d.*	
Carleton		lii*s.*		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regē		x*s.*		
Sm̄ hundrꝭ ꝑ dictꝰ	xvij*li*	vij*s*	j*d*	oꝑ

Itm xxiiij s oꝑ ꝑ maꝗys de Cretyng & mekylfeld
que fuer̄ abbie de Grasteno Aliengine
hic Incipit libtas Sā Edmundi
& villa de Bury Sēi Edī — xxiiij*li*

hundred de Babbergh.

Stoke	iiij*li*	xv*s*	vj*d.*	
Cavendessh		ꝗ ix*s*	viij*d.*	oꝑ
Waldyngfeld magna	iiij*li*	vj*s*	viij*d*	*ob* ꝗ
Unde de xxꝰ bonoꝝ Augustꝰ le Waleys		xiiij*s*	iiij*d.*	
Neylond	iij*li*			
Corneherde magna		xlviij*s*	vj*d.*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		xij*s*	iiij*d.*	
Corneherde ꝑua		xli*s*	ij*d.*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		x*s*	iiij*d.*	
Newtoñ		xlvij*s*	ij*d.*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		xv*s*		
lausille	iij*li*	xvij*s*	viij*d.*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Rege		x*s.*		
Illey combust		lvij*s*	iij*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regē		viij*s*		
Bures	iij*li*	iiij*s.*		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Rege		viij*s.*		
Oerthest		xxxviij*s*	viij*d.*	
Unde ꝑ donatr ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		iiij*s.*		
Somton		xxxiij*s.*		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Rege		viij*s.*	iiij*d.*	
Alfeton		xxiij*s.*	ix*d.*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem			xxj*d.*	

Asyngtoñ	IIJ*li*		V*d.*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ domⁿ Regem		VIJ*s.*		
Syymplyng	IIJ*li*	IIJ*s*	IIJ*d*	ob
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		X*s.*		
Boxtede		XXXVJ*s.*		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		V*s.*		
Polstede	IIJ*li*	IIJ*s*	VIIJ*d.*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		VIIJ*s.*		
Westone		XLIIJ*s*	IIIJ*d.*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		X*s*	X*d.*	
Prestone		LIIJ*s.*		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		XVIIJ*s*	IIIJ*d.*	
Waldyngfeld ꝑua		L*s.*		
Boxford		XLIX*s*	IX*d*	ob
Cokefeld	IIIJ*li*	XV*s.*		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		XVJ*s.*		
Unde de xvꝰ bonoꝝ Barthi Burgherssh		XX*s.*		
Aketon	IIJ*li*	XIIIJ*s*	II*d*	obq
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		XIIJ*s*	IIIJ*d*	
Groten		XLI*s*	VIIJ*d*	ob
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		X*s*		
Stansted		XLIIJ*s*	VIIJ*d*	q
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		VJ*s*		
Illey moñachꝝ		LIIJ*s*	IIJ*d*	ob
Meldyng		LIJ*s*	IIIJ*d*	ob
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		XIJ*s.*		
Edwardeston	IIJ*li*	XIIJ*s.*		
lavenham	VIJ*li*	VJ*s*	V*d.*	
Glemefford	IIJ*li*	XV*s*	VJ*d*	
Melleford	VIJ*li*	VI*s*	V*d.*	
Sutbury	XVIIJ*li*	XIIIJ*s.*		
Sm̃ hundrꝛ ꝑ dcī	ꝗ XIX*li*	XIX*s*	X*d*	ob q

hundrdꝛ de Cofford.

Bylstoñ		LVIIJ*s*		ob
Aldham		XVIIJ*s*		ob
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ domⁿ Regem		X*s.*		ob
Elmesset		XLVJ*s.*	IIIJ*d.*	
hegham	V*li*	VIIJ*s*	IIJ*d.*	
Ketelbreston		XXXIIIJ*s*	IJ*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		VIJ*s.*		
Kersey		LVJ*s*	IX*d.*	
Reddyng		XXXIIIJ*s*	X*d*	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regē		VIJ*s.*		
Chelesworth		XXVJ*s*		ob q
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regē			XIJ*d*	ob q
Watefeld cū Naketoñ	IIJ*li*	XIIIJ*s*	IIIJ*d.*	

Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regē		xiijs	vd.
Gemere		xxjs	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		vs.	
lelesheye		xxxvijs	iid.
leyham		xlvs	viijd ob
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		vijs	iijd ob
Thorpmoriens		lvjs.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		vjs.	
hadley	viijli	xs	
Bretenhm̄		Ls	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		vjs	
Wathesh m̄		xxxvijs.	iiijd.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		viijs.	
Sm̄ hundrꝛ ꝑ dcī	xlvli	iijs	xid ob q

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ffornhm̄ Om̄i Scoꝝ		xxxvjs.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem			xlid
Chelmyngton	iiijli	xs.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		xxs.	
Ikeworth		xlixs	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		viijs.	
Brokeleye cum Rede		lviijs	viijd.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		vijs	
lakford	iijli	xvs	viijd.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		xiijs.	
Saxhm̄		xxxvjs	iiijd.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		xjs	xd.
hemgrave		xxviijs	ixd.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		vs	xid.
hornyngꝛ herthe magna		liijs	iiijd.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		viijs.	
hargūe		lis	viijd.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		xs	
Kenton		xxxs	iiijd ob
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		iiijs	
Saxham ꝑua		Ls	ijd.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regē		vijs.	
hausted		Lvs	viijd.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		ixs	
Rysby	iijli	xiijs	iijd
Westele		xliiijs.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		vjs.	
hornyngꝛ herth ꝑua		xixs	jd.
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		iiijs	viijd.
Barwe	iiijli		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		ixs	

fflemptoñ		xxxvij*s*	ij*d*.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		vj*s*	x*d*
Whepsted	iij*li*		j*d*
Sm̄ hundre p̄ dcī	lxvj*li*	ix*s*	iij*d* ob

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Bertoñ	viij*li*	xi*s*	v*d*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regē	ij*li*		
heggessete cū Beketoñ	iiij*li*	ij*s*	viij*d*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regē		ij*s*	viij*d*.
levermer magna	ij*li*	xix*s*.	v*d*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		vj*s*.	
Wolpett		xlij*s*	iij*d*
Creukeston	ij*li*	xvij*s*	v*d*.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		iij*s*	ix*d*.
Ratlesdeñ		xlix*s*. *sic*	viij*d*.
Roughm̄	iij*li*	ij*s*	ij*d*.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		vij*s*.	
Tostoke		xl*s*.	
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		ij*s*.	
ffornhm̄		xlv*s*	vj*d*
Whelnethm̄ magna & pua		lij*s*	iij*d* ob q
Unde p donat' p dict⁹ Regem		vij*s*.	iij*d*.
Geddyng cū ffelshm̄	iiij*li*	ij*s*	ij*d* ob
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regē		xj*s*.	v*d*.
Tymworth cū Ampton	iiij*li*	xj*s*	iij*d*.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		vj*s*	iij*d*.
Thurstoñ		lvij*s*	viij*d*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		ij*s*	viii*d*
Stanfeld cum Bradle pua	iiij*li*		
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		vij*s*	x*d*.
pakenhm̄	v*li*	xij*s*.	vj*d*.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		ix*s*.	vj*d*.
Bradefeld monacho⁹		xlv*s*.	
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		v*s*	vij*d*.
Bradfeld Seyntkelere		xxij*s*.	
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		ij*s*.	
Rosshbrook		xxvij*s*	iij*d*.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		v*s*	vj*d*.
Sm̄ hundre p̄ dcī	lxij*li*	vij*s*	ij*d* ob

hundre de Blakeborune.

Ixeworthe		xlv*s*	iij*d*.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		vj*s*	viij*d*.
hopton	iiij*li*	ij*s*	vj*d*.
heldercle		xxxiij*s*.	
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		vij*s*	ij*d*.

ffakenham pua		xxxixs.		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		vijs.		
Stantoñ	iiijli	xvjs	viijd.	
leūmere ꝑua		liis	vd.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		xjs.		
Eustone		liijs.		
Inghm̄		xlvs.		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		ixs	ixd.	
Weston		liiijs		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		xiijs	iiijd.	
Berhm̄	iijli	vjs.		
Aysshefeld magna		xlijs.		
hepworthe	iiijli	iijs	iiijd.	
Rekynghale		xlviijs	jd.	
Elineswell		liijs	vjd.	
Nortoñ	iijli	vs	iiijd.	
Berdewelle	vijli		ijd.	
Aysshefelde ꝑua		liijs	iiijd.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem			xld.	
Conewestoñ	iijli	ix	vjd.	
Capstoñ		xls	viijd.	
Bernynghm̄	iijli	xijs	xjd.	
Reyssheworth		xvjs		
Enateshale		liijs.		
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		iijs	ixd.	
Trostoñ	iijli	viijs	iiijd.	
ffakenhm̃ magna		xlijs	vjd.	
laughm̄		xxxjs.		
Telvehm̃		xliiijs	xjd.	
Stowelangtofte		xxxvjs	xd	ob
huntestoñ		xxxvijs.		
Ixworth thorpe		xxxvjs	iiijd.	
honeweton		liijs	vjd.	
Watleffeld		liiijs	vjd.	
Walshm̃		lvjs	viijd.	
Westowe	iijli			
Wrydewelle		xlijs	vjd.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		xs	iijd.	
Culford		xxxiiijs	viijd.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ Regem		xiiijs.		
Sm̄ hundrꝭ p̄ dcī iiij^{xx}	xvli	xvs	iijd	ob

hundrꝭ de lakford.

Mildenhale	xjli	xs	jd	ob q
Brandon		xviijs	iiijd.	
Iklynghm̃	vjli	ijs	viijd.	
Unde ꝑ donatur ꝑ dictꝰ do^{m} Regem		ijs	vijd.	

lakynghethe	vj*li*	xix*s*	ix*d* q.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		xviij*s*.	
heryngeswelle	iiij*li*	xiiij*s*.	
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		xij*s*	vij*d*
Eryswelle	vij*li*		ix*d*.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		xxij*s*.	vj*d*.
Eluedene	iiij*li*		
heghm̄		xlj*s*	iij*d* ob q.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem			xv*d* ob
Dounham		liij*s*	iiij*d*.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		x*s*	vj*d*.
Cavenhm̄	ij*li*	ij*s*.	
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regē		xij*s*	iiij*d*.
Wrydlyngtoñ	v*li*	x*s*.	
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regē		xx*s*.	
ffrekenhm̄	iiij*li*	xiiij*s*	iiij*d* ob
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regē		ix*s*.	
Wangford		lvj*s*	v*d*.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regē			xvij*d*.
Tudenhm̄	iiij*li*	ij*s*	j*d* q.
Unde p donat' p dict⁹ Regem		xv*s*.	
Bertoñ pua	ij*li*	x*s*	iiij*d*.
Unde p donat' p dict⁹ Regem		x*s*	vj*d*.
Sm̄ hundre de ꝑ dcī	lxxiij*li*	xvj*s*	vj*d* ob

hundre de Ryssebregge.

Denhm̄		xlv*s*	v*d*.
Unde p donat' p dict⁹ Regem		viij*s*.	
haūhill	vj*li*	xv*s*	viij*d* ob
Kedyton	ij*li*	viij*s*	viij*d*.
Depdeñ cū Cheldebergh	ij*li*	xiij*s*	iiij*d*.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ dom Regē		xiiij*s*	vij*d*.
Bradley pua		xxx*s*.	
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		vij*s*.	
honedoñ	iiij*li*		xxiij*d* ob
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		vij*s*	viiij*d*.
Unesdene		xxxij*s*	iiij*d*.
Bernerdestoñ		xlij*s*.	
Thirlowe magna		lviij*s*	iiij*d* q.
Wykhm̄ Broke	viij*li*	ij*s*	iiij*d*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regē		xx*s*.	
Stradeshyll cū denarestoñ	ij*li*	xiiij*s*.	
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regē		vj*s*	viij*d*.
hakedone cū Thurstantoñ		xlij*s*	iiij*d*.
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		ix*s*.	
Clare	v*li*		
Wrotyng magna	ij*li*		v*d*

Stanefeld		xliis	iiijd
Wydekeshoo		xxixs	ixd
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		viijs.	
Multoñ	iiijli	vjs	viiid
pollyngworth cū Chopeley		liijs	ijd.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		viijs.	
Thirlowe pua		lvs	iiijd ob
Dalham cū Tunstall		lviijs	iiijd.
Stoke Chiltoñ and Boyton	vli	iis	ixd ob q
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Rege		xviijs.	
Wrotyng pua	iijli	iijs	xd.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ dom Regem		vjs.	
Bradley magna	iijli	xs	xid ob
Wetheresfelde	iiijli	vjs	ob q
lydgate	vli		xvd
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		viijs	
Gayslee cū Nedhm̄ et kenford	vli	iijs	iiijd.
Coulyng	iiijli	xiiijs	q
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xs	
Sm̄ hundre p dcī iiij^{xx}	xviijli	xvs	vd ob
Ixnyng dī hundre	xiiijli	iiijs	ijd
Unde p donatur p dictū Rege		xs.	
Bona mobilia Johis Tendryng inventꝰ in villa de Stokenaylond polsted and Sprowtoñ ad xv^{m} p se ad Summam		xxs	ixd.
Sm̄ dī hundre cū bonis mobilibꝫ	xvli	iiijs	xid.
Sm̄ To.ᵗᵉ libtatis Scī Edmundi cū dī hundre de Ixnyng & bonis mobilibꝫ Johis Tendryng	Siiij^{xx} li	xiis	ob q

hic incipit libtas Scē Etheldrede

hundre de plomesgate

Benhale Saxmūdhm̄ and ffarmhm̄	iiijli	xiiijs	vd.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Rege		xxs	vjd.
Aldeburgh cū haswode		lvjs	viijd.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xs.	
Ikne cum Chesylford and Onynglborth		xlviijs.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		vjs	
Sternefeld		xxxvjs	ijd.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Rege		viijs	
Glemhm̄ pua cū Stratford		xlviijs	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Rege		xiijs	iiijd
Glemhm̄ magna		xliijs.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		iiijs.	
Sudburne		liiijs	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xxs.	

Rendhm̄ cum Brosyerd	iiij*li*	iiij*s*	x*d.*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regē		xiij*s*	
Blaxhale cū pte de Tunstall		liiij*s*	x*d.*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		vj*s*	
Snape cū ffrestoñ		liiij*s.*	
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		xiij*s*	iiii*d.*
Cranyfford cū Swystlyng	ij*li*	xi*s*	v*d.*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Rege		viij*s.*	
Perhm̄		xliiij*s*	
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Rege		x*s.*	
Wanysden cum pte de Tunstall		lij*s*	ix*d*
Sm̄ hundrꝭ p̄ dcī	xxxvij*li*		xiij*d.*

hundrꝭ de Wylford

Aldertoñ		liiij*s.*	viij*d*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		x*s*	
Baudesey	vij*li*		xij*d.*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		xxxiij*s*	iiij*d.*
Sutton	ij*li*	vj*s*	viij*d.*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		v*s.*	
Boyton cum Capell		xxxvij*s*	vj*d.*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		viij*s.*	
Rameshalt cū Bromeswell		xl*s.*	
Unde p donatʳ p dict⁹ Regem		v*s*	
hollysle cū Chatyshm̄		xliij*s*	iiij*d.*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		xx*s*	
Wykhm̄ cū petryste and loudhm̄	ij*li*	xi*s*	ij*d.*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		x*s.*	
Boulge debache and Dalanghoo		xliiij*s*	iiij*d*
melton cū Ufford	iii*li*	iiij*s*	iiij*d.*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		viij*s.*	
Bredfeld taxatur ad xam		xvj*s*	v*d*
Sm̄ hundrꝭ p̄ dcī	xxviii*li*	xix*s*	vj*d.*
Inde xma		xvj*s*	v*d.*

hundrꝭ de lose

hachestoñ		xlvj*s.*	
letherynghm̄ cū Chasfeld	ij*li*	iiij*s*	vj*d.*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regē		xij*s*	
Estoñ cū Ketelbregh		lij*s*	vij*d*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		vj*s.*	
Unde de xma de bonis August⁹ waleys		x*s*	vij*d.*
Cretynghm̄ cū Brandestoñ and Monewedene	¢	xj*s*	viij*d.*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Rege		viij*s*	
Aysshe		xli*s*	
Rendeleshm̄	ij*li*	viij*s*	viij*d.*
Unde p donatur p dict⁹ Regem		x*s*	

Sohm̄ cū Kenton	IIIjli	VIIjs	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		XIIjs	
fframlynghm̄	IIIjli	XIIIjs	IIIjd
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		xs.	
Eyke		XLVjs	VIIIjd.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		xxs	
hoo dalanghoo & Wodbregg	IIIIjli	xxs	xd
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		XIIjs	
Marlesford cū pte de Butle		XLVIIjs	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		xs	vjd.
Sm̄ hundrꝛ p̄ dcī	xxxvli	XIIIIjs	VIIjd

hundrꝛ de Carleford.

Wytleshm̄	IIIjli	VIIjs	IIIIjd.
Ryssehmere cū Alesborne		XLIIIIjs	IXd
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		XVIIIjs	xd ob
Playford cū Brightwell		LVIIjs.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		xs.	
Todynhm cū Culpho	IIIjli		
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		IXs	
Grondesburgh cū burgh	IIIjli	XVIIjs	q
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		xs	
Belyngꝛ magna & pua	IIIIjli	vjs	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		xs	
hakeston		Lvjs	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		XIIjs.	
Clopton	IIIIjli	vs.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xiijs	IIIIjd.
Martleshm̄		LVIIIjs.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xs.	
ffoxhole cū Kesgraue		XXXjs	vjd.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regē		xijs	
Otleigh	IIIIjli		xd.
Sm̄ hundrꝛ p̄ dcī	xxxvli	IIIjs	vd ob

hundrꝛ de Coleneyse.

Tremley and Tremley cum Altestoū	VIIjli	vjs	xd.
Unde p donatʳ p dictꝰ Regem		XXXIIIjs.	IIIIjd.
Naketon leuyngtoū & Strattoū	IIIjli	XIIIjs.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xiij	IIIIjd.
Kyrketoū ffaltenhm̄ Bucleshm̄ & Olmeslee	VIIjli	vjs.	
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		XLs	
Waltoū & ffylchestowe	vjli	IIIIjs	VIIIjd.
Unde p donatur p dictꝰ Regem		xxxiijs	IIIIjd.
Sm̄ hundrꝛ p̄ dcī	XXIIIIjli	xs	vjd.

hundre de Thredlyng

Assheffeld cum Thorp		xlvjs	iiijd.
Unde p donatur p dictu Regem		vjs	viijd
fframesdeñ cum Pethaugh		xliijs	iiijd.
Debynhm̄ cum Wyston	vli	xs	ijd.
Unde p donatur p dictu Regem		xiis	ijd.
Sm̄ hundre β dcī	xli		xd
Sm̄ tot libtate Scē Etheldrede	ꝯ iij xx xlli	xs	ixd ob

I am not acquainted with a perfect book of taxation belonging to any one county of so early a date as the foregoing. In the Chetham Library at Manchester, there is a complete list of taxes for the County of Lancaster, but this goes no further back than the middle of the 17th Century.

It may reasonably be supposed that the principle which guided our ancestors in the making of this early assessment, was akin to that which we now term 'rateable value.' We find at a later period (4 Henry VIII. A.D. 1513) that, for the "raysing of a whole taxe granted to the King," the different parishes in the Town of Ipswich were assessed as follows:—

St. Mary le Tower	£5	4	0	St. Mary Elms	£2	18	0
St. Margaret	5	11	0	St. Lawrence	5	5	6
St. Clement	4	9	8	St. Mary at the Quay	4	9	4
St. Nicholas	2	4	0	St. Peter	4	6	4
St. Stephen	2	4	8	St. Matthew	4	3	0

St. Helen 13s. 4d.

the total sum of which is a few shillings in excess of the actual sum at which the Burgesses of the Town were assessed in the Taxation of Henry VI. For the levying of this later Ipswich tax, two Taxers and two Collectors were nominated for each parish.

The Suffolk Taxation list gives as good an idea of the position held by the several parishes and townships in the early part of the 15th Century as could well be desired. It is interesting to note the change that has passed over many of these places since the time when

the assessment was made. To give a solitary instance, drawn almost at random from the Hundred of Lothingland: the villages of Belton and Corton are each taxed at only a few shillings less than the adjacent town of Lowestoft, which itself could then have been little more than a fishing village.

The names of places as formerly written, additions made thereto, and the mention of places no longer to be found recorded in lists of Suffolk parishes, *etc.*, are in many cases well worth notice.

A tax imposed on every parish in the Kingdom, in the year 1370, was at a *uniform* rate, the larger in each Hundred being commanded to help the smaller.

This account of the Taxes payable by the county of Suffolk, is followed by a curious heraldic description of the arms borne by divers Sovereigns, with the designation of the several supporters placed at the head of each. (*temp.* Henry VI.) It was possibly deemed absolutely necessary that an important maritime town like Ipswich should possess an authoritative document of this kind, but it is a reasonable supposition that it was not very frequently referred to.

"THE MOST CRISTEN̄ KYNG OF FFRAUNCE* his grace berith Assure thre flowre delice golde Garuntyn̄

THE MOSTE EXCELLENT & MOST REDOUBTED KYNG OF ENGLOND† my most Soſſraigne lorde berith quartly Asure iij. ffloure delice golde and he berith Gowlys thre lypardys‡ passaunts golde enarmed in asure.

ANTYLOPE

THE KYNG OF SPAYNE. his noble grace berith quartly Gowlys. A castell golde And he berith Syluer A lyon Salijaunt Sable.

TYGYR

THE KYNG OF POYLE.§ he berith gowlys departed wt. a Crosse golde.

* This was the ordinary title of the Kings of France: it is ancient, but of uncertain origin.

† This title is not older than the latter part of the 14th Century.

‡ *Leos-pardes*, not leopards. Until late in the 14th Century, the lions of the Royal Shield of England were known as leopards. It was an heraldic title only, denoting the precise attitude of the lion, walking and looking about him after the manner of a leopard.

§ Poland.

An Egle Syluer And he berith gowlys a Kyng coraious syttyng crownyd and armyd in gold sittyng uppon a cowrser off syluer Rynnyng empailed in ũto.

BOUAS:

THE KYNG OF AROGOWEN* he berith golde iiij palys gowlis.

DAMA:

THE KYNG OF DENMARKE he berith quarterly golde hartele gowlys iij. lypardes passaunte assure. And he berith gowlys a lyon of golde seaunt in a cheire of Syluer wepenyd wt the same.

HERTE.

THE KYNG OF HOUGARY. he berith quarterly asure thre Sunnys golde and he berith gowlys A syluer ffecy of vj:

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THE KYNG OF CYPRESSE he berith quarterly sylũ and asure ffecy a lyon Rampaunt gowlys And he berith syluer a crosse potaney golde betwē iiij of the same.

GEROSYLL.

THE KYNG OF BEAME.† he berith gowlys a lyone. Rampaunt Rewardyng fforce syluer crowned and armyd in golde.

GENEROWNYS.

THE KYNG OF NAPLYS he berith quarterly veert. ij. lyons passaunte golde. And he berith gowlys a Crosse matale golde

PARAUNDYR

THE KYNG OF CECYLE. he bereth golde iij. pales. gowles. ij. voydures poynted syluer wt ij. Eglys displayed Cubyll membrye with gowlys.

GRYFFOWN.

THE KYNG OF GRYCE. he berith a crosse fuse Crosse gowlys in a Champe of golde upon a felde of verte.

PANTER

THE KYNG OF NAVERNE.‡ he berith quarterly assure. iij flowre delyce golde wt a bende gobony gowlys & syluer And he berith gowlys A charbokyll gold.

BRADRIX.

THE KYNG OF PORTYUGALE. he berith v. skochones encroys asure ttele psaut wt a bordure gowlys castell golde.

* Arragon, the eastern part of Spain † Bohemia ‡ Navarre.

UNYCORNE.

THE KYNGE OF SKOTTYS. he berith golde a lyoū Rampaunt w[t] in a doble trussure count fforete gowlys

OLYFAUNT."

There is every reason to suppose that this description as it stands is unique: it is certainly of great interest.

The list of Knights' Fees of the Honors of Lancaster and Leicester, lying within the County of Suffolk, also finds a place in the Little Domesday Book.* Several such lists, and especially those annexed to the Duchies of Lancaster and Leicester, from various counties, are to be found in many of our public libraries, but Sims, who gives a lengthy account of these Knights' Fees in his "Manual," makes no mention of those old hereditary revenues here given, and which may be supposed to be generally unknown to students.

"HEC SUNT FEODA MILITUM DE HONORIBUS LANECASTR' ET LEYCEST' IN COM̄UTAT' SUFF:

In villa de Lund cum membris	-	*j. feod militis*
In villa de Ilkttleshale cū membris	-	*ij. feod & dī milit*
In villa de Mendhm̄ cū membris	-	*j. feod militis*
In villa de Wytynhm̄ cū membris	-	*j. feod militis*
In villa de Akenhm̄ cū membris		*j. feod militis*
In villa de Hasketoū clopton. & Wodebregge cū membris	}	*j. feod militis*
In villa de Ikene cū membris	-	*j. feod militis*
In villa de Oteleye cū membris		*j. feod & dī militis*
In villa de Cleydone cū membr℘	-	*Dī feod militis*
In villa de Culfo cum membr℘	-	*Dī feod militis*
In halghetre & Alnesburne cū membr℘	*tres ptes*	*viii℣ feod*
In lellesseye cū membris	-	*Dī feod militis*
In Sproutoū cū membris	-	*iij feod militis*
In Wylasham cū membris	-	*j feod militis*

* *Add MS* 25,012 *fol.* 47 *b. Br: Mus.*

In Offtone cū membris	-	*j feod militis*
In pua Blakenhm̄ cū membris	-	*qrt feod militis*
In Ryseby cū membris		*j feod militis*
In ffyneberghe cū membris		*ij feod militis*
Buxhale cum membris		*j feod militis*
In Thorp moriens cū membre		*ij feod militis*
In prestone cū membre		*Dī feod militis*
In Waldingfelde cū membre		*Dī feod militis*
In Boxtede cum membre	-	*Dī feod militis*
In Thurstantoñ cū membe		*j feod militis*
In Baudreseye cū membre		*ij feod militis*
In veteri Newton cū membre		*vij ps viiiꝑ feod milits*
In Stonhm̄ Count cū membe		*xx psjꝑ feod militis*
In leyhm̄ cum membrs		*viij feod militis*
Sm̄ Tot ffeod militū	}	*xxviij Dī & xxvij ptes"*

In the brief, but singular "Memorandum" of ancient lineal measurements which follows, several points are touched, likely to enlighten us somewhat with regard to a matter which in the state of our present knowledge, is one of the greatest doubt and obscurity, viz., the true value and meaning of the terms anciently employed in such measurements.

"MEMORANDŪ that iiij. Barly cornys takyñ in the myddys of the yere (*ear*) makith an unche And xij. unches makith a ffoote iij. foote makith a yerd & xvj. ffoote and a halfe makith a perche & iiij. perches in brede and XL in leynght makith an Akir Lond & iiij acres maketh a yerd of Lond And v yerds makyth a hyde of Londe & viij hydes of Londe & viij hydes of londe makith an Knyght's ffee."

We are at once brought face to face with the familiar fact that the standard of measurement, like that of weight, had its origin in the grain of corn, which was to be "taken in the myddys of the ear." It will be noticed that the number of grains, which according to this note

were necessary to complete an inch, were four, whereas it is now but three. The table proceeds pretty much according to our recognised rule as far as the statement that "iiij perches in brede & XL in length makith an aker," then we meet with a "*yerd*," a "*hide*," and a "*Knights' fee*," concerning which there seem to have been no general agreement as to limit or extent. The old *Virgate* or *yerd* (*Sax:* a certain extent of land) is mostly regarded as an indefinite term containing somewhere from 25 to 40 acres, and as a necessary consequence the terms that follow are equally vague. The above "memorandum" which cannot have been framed later than the 15th Century, and probably much earlier, seems to settle the measurements with a certainty which is now scarcely recognised. The "yerd" which is usually accounted only the *fourth* part of a hide, is here reckoned a *fifth*. The "hide" or "caracute," = 120 acres, is a very ancient measurement, having been employed by the Romans: this was apparently the unit of assessment. It doubtless had its origin in the quantity of land that could be enclosed within an Ox hide, when cut into slips and carried round the land so enclosed, although this application of the term is sometimes disputed. It is sometimes called a "plough land"=caracute, owing to the quantity of land being just as much as one plough was capable of cultivating. There is considerable difference of opinion respecting what is known as "a Knights' Fee."* In the old feudal system, every holder of an extent of land called "a knight's fee," was obliged at the instigation either of the king or a superior to whom he owed service, to render according to his tenure, as occasion, and the will of his lord required. The land comprised in such a "fee" was doubtless amply sufficient to allow of a proper discharge of the knightly office, although it is difficult to say precisely what it represented. The general impression seems to be against fixing any certain amount, and it is roughly estimated at from 100 to 500 acres of arable land, but then of course the exact limit to an acre is, as

we have seen, somewhat doubtful. It *may* be, that the knights' fee varied in different districts, according to the nature of the soil and other considerations, but this is not very likely; at all events eight hides, (whatever they may have contained) according to the memorandum referred to, went to a Knights' fee. It appears extremely probable that the entry was made in the Ipswich Town Books for the very purpose of settling the difficulties occasioned by so arbitrary an arrangement, but I have not met with a single author acquainted with such a table.

The last portion of this book is occupied by a Rhyming Chronicle of the Kings of England, from William I. to Henry VI., which is of special interest. Little more than a mere surmise led me some time ago to ascribe the authorship of these verses to John Lydgate, the Monk-Poet of Bury Saint Edmunds, and there is every reason to regard this as a probable conjecture. Besides it appears that the lines occur in several old MSS. with some slight variations and additions, and are commonly attributed to Lydgate. There is a copy among the Harleian MSS. in the British Museum (2251. f. 2. b.) with an additional stanza relating to the reign of Edward IV. There is one in the handwriting of Shirley, the transcriber of Chaucer, in the Ashmolean Library (No. 59) at Oxford, and written probably about the year 1456, with additions by other hands. The lines were printed in 1530 by Wynkyn de Worde, with additions to the reign of Henry VIII. The verses also occur in a 15th Century MS. known as the "Historical Collections of a London Citizen," fol. 110—112, with this heading, "Cronycles of alle Kyngys of Englonde aftyr the Conqueste as of thyr namys ande where that they bene i-byryede." This was printed by the Camden Society in 1876, and the additional stanza is inserted from the Harleian MS. There are several variations, the most important of which I have indicated in foot notes to the Ipswich Great Domesday text, which stands altogether unencumbered with notes.

"Willm̄ the Conquero^r

This mighty Willm̄ of Normandy
As Bokys olde makith mencoñ
Be iuste tytle & by his Chevalry
made Kyng by conquest of brutesalbioñ*
putte ought harald and toke possesyoñ
Bare his Crowne full xxj. yere
Buryd at Cane thus seithe the cronyclere

Willm̄s Ruffus

Next in ordrelye Successyon
Willm̄ Ruffus his sone crownyd kynge
whiche to godwarde had noñ deuocioñ
Distroyed Chirches of new & old byldynge
To make a fforest plesaunt for huntynge
xiij yere bare his Crowne in dede
Buryed at Wynchestyr ye may rede.

Henricus Primus

his Brother next callid Harry the ffyrst
was at londoñ crownyd as I fynde
whos Brother Robard Duke of Normandy
gav Warre† the cronycle makith mynde
Reconsiled all ranker sett behynde
ffull xxxj‡ yere be record of wrytynge
he Reignyd And buried att Redyng.

Stephanus.

his brother§ Stevyñ whеñ Herry the first was dede
Toward yngland gaue Crosse his sayle
the Archebysshoppe dyd sett up oñ his hede
A Rich Crowne beyng of councelle.
xix. yers w^t sorowe and grett travayle
bare his crowne & nevyr had Rest
And at ffeũsham lyeth buried in a Chest

* in margin, *id est* Englonde † Ganne hym werry ‡ xxxiij § cosyn

Henricus II⁹

Henry the II^de^ soñ of the Impasse.
was crownyd next a full manly knyght
As books of olde pleynly dothe expresse
this seid henry by ffroward force and myght.*
yerys xxxv regnyd as it is made of mynd
Att ffount Everard lyeth buried As I ffynd.

Ricardus p̃mus

Richard his soñ by Successyon.
ffirst of that name stronge hardy & notabyll
was crownyd Kynge callid cure de lyon.
w^t^ sarasyñs heds servyd at his Tabyll
Slayne at Calyas by dethe lamentabyll
the space regnyd fully x† yere
his harte buried at Roone und^r^ the hie awter.

Iohannes

Nexte Kyng Richard regnyd his brother John
after sone entery in to ffraunce.
lost all Aungee & Normandy A noñ
This Lond enterdicted by his‡ goũnannce.
And as it is putt in remembraunce
xviij yere Kynge of Regioñ§
lyeth at worsettyr deyde of poysoñ.

Henricus iij⁹

Herry the iij^de^ Soñ of IX yere Age
was at Glowcett^r^ crownyd as I rede
longe warre he had w^t^ his baronage
Gretly delicted in Almesse dede
lvj^te^ yere he regnyd here in dede
buried at Westmyster by recorde of writyng
the day of Seynt Edmũde martir & kyng.||

* This stanza in the Ipswich Domesday MS. has but six lines. In the MS. copy from which the Camden Society printed, the fifth line stands as 'Slowe Thomas (*Bekett* is interlined here in a later hand) for Hooly Chyrche ryght.' The omission from this later MS. is easily understood.

† IX ‡ mys § this regyon

|| Seynt *Edwardi* martir *mayde* & Kyng.

Edwardus p̃mus

Edward the first wt his shanks longe
Was aftir crownyd that was a good knyght.
Wanne Skotlande mager the Skotts stronge
And all Walys in the dispyte of ther myght.
duryng his liff mayntenyd trew & Right
xxxv yere he was here Kyng.
lyeth at Westmynster this is no leasyng.

Edwardus ij9

Edwarde his son callid Carnervañ
succedyng aftyr to make his Alyaunce
As the Cronycle well reherse cañ
Weddyd the doughter of Kyng of ffraunce
Unto Thom̃s of lancastar he toke venisaunce
xix yeres held here Regaly
Buried at Glowcett. books speciffye.

Edwardus iii9

Edwarde the iijde borne at Wyndsoore
Whiche in Knyghthood had so great a p̃ce
Enherytour of ffrannce wtouteñ moore
bare in his armys quarto iij fflowre delyce*
And gate Calice hi his prudent device
Regnyd in Inglond lj† yere
lyeth at Westmynster thus saieth the cronycler

Ricūs ij9

The soñ of p̃nce Edward Richard the ijde
In whos tyme was peaese & great plente.
Weddyd quene Anne of Bowañ‡ as it is ffounde
Isbell after of ffrannce who lyfte to se.§
xxij. yere he reynyd here p̣de
at Langley buried ffirst so stond the case
After to Westmyster his body caried was.

* quarto *the* fflowre delyce † lij ‡ *dele* of Bowan
§ Isbell after of ffrance he lystede to see

Henricus iiij^{o}

Henry the iiij^{te} next crowned in certeyn̄
A ffamows knyght of grete cemlynesse*
ffrom̄ his exile when he come home ageyn
w^{t} werre travayled and w^{t} greate sekenesse
xiiij yers he reigned in sothnesse
lyeth att cawntabury in that holy place
god of his marcy do his sowle grace.

Henricus quītus.

The† fyrst henry of knyghthode lodsterre
Wyse‡ manly pleynly to detm̄yne.
ffortunate p̃vyd in pease & in werre
grettly exspert in marcy full disciplyne
able to stonde amonge the worthyes is.§
Reigned x yers who that lyst to regarde‖
lyeth at Westmynster by Seynt Edwarde.¶

Henricus Sextus

Henry the Syxte brought forth in** vertu
by Iust tytle and by Inheritannce.
provydyd be forne by the grace of Ihū††
To be crownyd yn Inglond & in ffrannce.‡‡
Reignyned xxxix yere & God gaffe hym sufficiañce§§
of v̄tuos lyffe & chose hym̄ for his Knyght
At Wyndesore buried And myracles doth by Goddys myght.‖‖

The abrupt ending of the verses in this Ipswich MS. is significant, and may probably throw some light upon the time of Lydgate's death, which has long been a disputed point. Warton, (*History of English Poetry*, Sec.

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* semblesse † v ‡ wyse *and* manly
§ sponsyde the doughter of Fraunce, Katerynne
‖ who lyste to have rewarde ¶ not far fro Synt Edwarde
** in *alle* vertu
†† provydyd *a* forne by the grace of Ihū Chryste
‡‡ To were ij crownys in Englonde and in Fraunce
§§ To whom God hath gevyn souerayne suffycyaunce
‖‖ Long he hathe rejoysed both by day and nyght.

xxi, Note) thinks that the stanza relating to Edward IV. in the Harleian copy, could scarcely have been written by Lydgate, and gives substantial reasons for his opinion. The fifteenth and last stanza relating to Henry VI., as given in the MSS. of the 'London Citizen,' and that of the Ipswich Domesday volume, differ in this important particular, that, while the one assumes the King to be living, the other distinctly alludes to his burial. It is not unlikely that both versions are correct, and each the work of Lydgate, written at two different periods. It is well to point out the discrepancy which exists between the title as given in the former, and the concluding stanza, which omits the place of burial. I will briefly state my reasons for the conclusion at which I have arrived. The Ipswich Domesday copy, as it now exists in the volume which I have already described, was certainly inscribed there in A.D. 1520, and most likely, as was the case with much other matter forming the same volume, copied from an older MS., that had for some time been deposited among the Town Archives, perhaps even from the time when it was originally written. Especially considering the proximity of the Abbey where Lydgate was an inmate, to the Town of Ipswich, there is strong probability for supposing that this epitomized English history, mellowed into verse, would early find its way into safe custody at Ipswich, and escape receiving additional stanzas of the subsequent reigns of Edward IV, Edward V, Richard III, and Henry VII. Lydgate's memory and genius, if there were no other cause likely to operate in favour of the poem retaining its original features, would probably be sufficient to deter men in the attempt to make any additions.

The remaining portions of this Sixth book are certainly of the time of Henry VI. I am strongly of opinion that the whole of the contents are of the same period, and that the heading 'Edwardus quartus' following Stanza xv, marks the precise time when the work came forth (not necessarily for the first time) from Lydgate's

pen, *viz.*, soon after the accession of Edward IV. (cir. 1462), which probably marks the time of Lydgate's decease. He certainly lived until the end of the reign of Henry VI., and nothing is more likely, that in closing this Sovereign's reign, the writer should add the name of the King's successor, who had but lately ascended the throne. Such I am inclined to think is a true account of the authenticity of these verses, drawn from inferences which I cannot but regard as fair and reasonable.

It only now remains to give the stanza which appears in the Harleian copy; it has a very different 'ring' about it to the preceding verses, ascribed to Lydgate, and to my mind plainly points to an author other than he.

"*Edwardus Quartus.*

Comforth all thirsty and drynke with gladness,
Rejoyse with myrth though ye have not to spende,
The tyme is come to avoyden your distres.
Edward the Fourth the old wronges to amend,
Is wele disposed in will; and to defend
His lond and peple indede with kynne and myght
Goode lyf and longe, I pray to God hym send
And that Seynt George be with hym in his hyght."

The object of placing in a collection of this description such apparently extraneous matters as these which occupy the Sixth book, is not quite clear, although certainly they would, as I have shewn, have their use. It may have been out of mere caprice, or for want of a more suitable repository, that they are here entered; certainly it has been the means of preserving to us much interesting matter, which may prove exceedingly useful from other than an antiquarian standpoint, and perchance, when its true value is understood, we shall confess that we can ill afford to spare.

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